

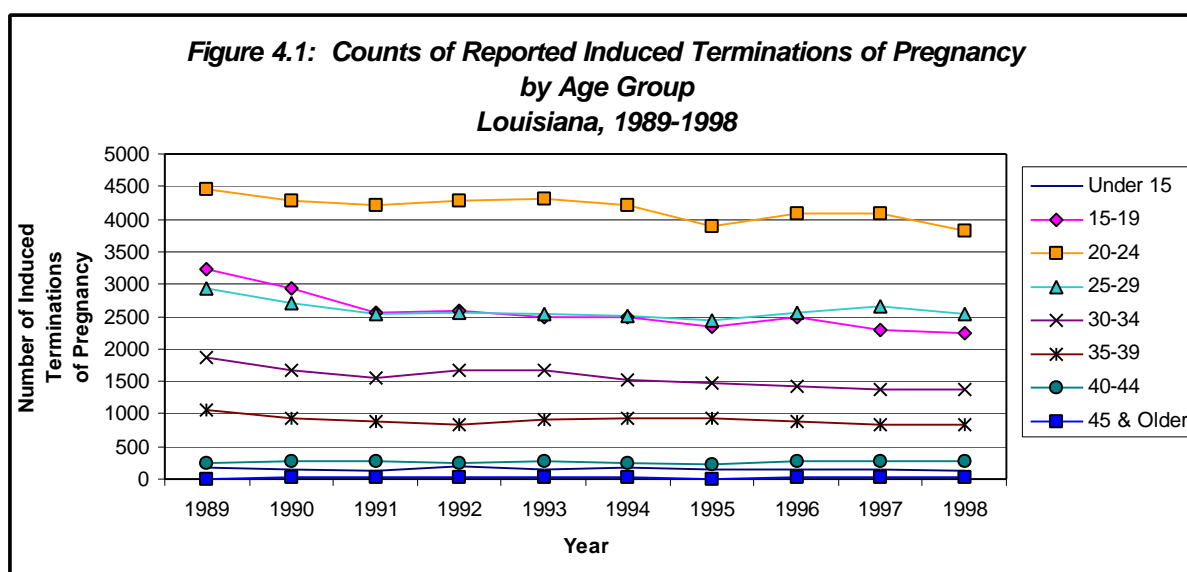
IV. Abortions

An **induced termination of pregnancy (abortion)** is the intentional interruption of a pregnancy with the objective of preventing a live birth. Abortion surveillance provides information useful in identifying population groups experiencing unintended pregnancies. Such information is valuable in targeting pregnancy prevention programs.

There were 11,351 induced terminations of pregnancy reported in Louisiana in 1998. This is a decrease of 388 terminations from the 11,739 terminations reported in 1997. There has been an overall decline in the number of terminations reported annually since the mid 1980s.

Table 4.1: Counts of Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Age Group Louisiana, 1989-1998										
Year	Age in Years									
	Total	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 & Older	Unknown
1989	14210	171	3236	4446	2929	1864	1048	245	10	261
1990	13020	150	2934	4287	2716	1670	938	267	14	44
1991	12190	128	2562	4221	2549	1543	878	260	13	36
1992	12468	191	2597	4288	2571	1683	838	237	15	48
1993	12373	157	2487	4300	2543	1667	917	259	15	28
1994	12154	169	2500	4215	2505	1517	929	257	17	45
1995	11491	141	2333	3895	2428	1468	936	226	11	53
1996	11884	143	2489	4083	2553	1417	876	262	16	45
1997	11739	147	2285	4087	2650	1375	849	265	22	59
1998	11351	120	2238	3818	2538	1386	829	262	13	147

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